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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 12, 2002

Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed December 2, 2002, the following supplemental remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 8-18 and 21-32 remain pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants herein incorporate all arguments made in the December 2, 2002 amendment and further supplement these arguments with the following new arguments.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of claims 8, 11, 16-18 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious under Fujii et al. in view of the Merck Manual (15th addition) "applicant", Applicants continue to traverse this rejection and submit the following additional arguments.